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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above referenced application.

A copy of each of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are attached. As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, a copy of the listed U.S. patent document is not included with the submission of attached Form PTO/SB/08a. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of each non-English document, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing each said document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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